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4 MAY 1960

Honorable Roman L. Hruska,
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Hruska:

Reference is made to your letter of 11 April 1960 in which you cited a statement by Dr. Freeman Dyson as appearing to be based on different information and intelligence from a statement attributed to me in the 11 April issue of TIME Magazine.

The statement attributed to me by TIME Magazine was not made by me and, in fact, is contrary to our interpretation of the information we have on the Soviet nuclear test program. The basis for Dr. Dyson's statement is a paper written by the Soviet scientist L. A. Artsimovich which was presented at the Second Geneva Peaceful Uses Conference in 1958. We believe Artsimovich's paper is not wholly accurate and that when viewed in the light of all other information one receives a very different impression regarding Soviet state of the art for the development of "back-yard H bombs."

There is available some classified information bearing on the problem which we would be glad to discuss with you should you so desire.

(EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE Congress)

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles

Director

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Assistant Director/Scientific Intell.

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Remarks: Attached is a suggested reply to a letter from Senator Roman Hruska asking you to reconcile an apparent inconsistency between a statement attributed to you by TIME Magazine and one made by Dr. Freeman Dyson in the U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. We have discussed this matter with the Senator's administrative assistant who in turn took it up with the Senator. The attached will satisfy his request, however, we have included an offer to brief the Senator along the lines of the attached aide-memoir. *(He wishes)*

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